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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 7, 2014

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Washington and Jefferson College football team for  
2 earning its 700th all-time win in program history.

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1781, Washington and Jefferson  
4 College, located in the city of Washington, Washington County,  
5 has a proud winning tradition and distinguished academic and  
6 athletic history; and

7 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team's  
8 first season was in 1890 and the team, nicknamed the  
9 "Presidents," quickly became one of the top teams in the  
10 country; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 19, 1908, the Washington and Jefferson  
12 College football team became the first team in college football  
13 history to wear numbers on uniforms in their game versus Denison  
14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, With an enrollment of 450 students, Washington and

1 Jefferson College remains the smallest school to ever play in  
2 the Rose Bowl; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1922, Washington and Jefferson College shared the  
4 national football title with the University of California  
5 following the only scoreless tie in Rose Bowl history; and

6 WHEREAS, In that game, Washington and Jefferson College  
7 played the same 11 men the whole game, each of whom played on  
8 offense and defense; and

9 WHEREAS, The team fielded the first African American to play  
10 quarterback in a Rose Bowl, as well as the first freshman to  
11 play in a Rose Bowl; and

12 WHEREAS, In more recent decades, the Washington and Jefferson  
13 College football team has achieved exceptional success, having  
14 won the President's Athletic Conference Championship (PAC) in 22  
15 of the past 30 seasons, and a total of 23 PAC titles in the  
16 team's history; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team  
18 participated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association  
19 (NCAA) Division III playoffs 23 times in the past 29 seasons,  
20 which is the second-highest total nationally, and the team has  
21 won 21 NCAA Division III playoff games, the seventh-highest  
22 total in tournament history; and

23 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team  
24 has marked 30 consecutive winning seasons, which is the fourth-  
25 longest active streak among all NCAA divisions, and has produced  
26 ten or more victories in 16 different seasons; and

27 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team  
28 has been coached by some of the best-known coaches in history,  
29 two of whom were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame,  
30 and has produced more than 50 All-American players during the

1 program's history; and

2 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team  
3 entered its 123rd season with an all-time record of 697 wins,  
4 383 losses and 40 ties; and

5 WHEREAS, The Washington and Jefferson College football team  
6 is the 25th team in all NCAA divisions and only the third NCAA  
7 Division III school to reach 700 wins; and

8 WHEREAS, The Presidents had three undefeated regular seasons  
9 in the 2000's, specifically in the years 2001, 2004 and 2007,  
10 and has had nine overall; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 20, 2014, the Washington and Jefferson  
12 College football team played Carnegie Mellon University and won  
13 by a score of 48-30, which was the 700th victory in the history  
14 of their football program; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2014 Presidents football team distinguished  
16 itself by beginning the season with three wins and no losses,  
17 having proudly represented the red and black team colors by  
18 emerging victorious over their first three opponents to reach  
19 700 wins, thereby continuing the team's winning tradition;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
22 Washington and Jefferson College football team for earning its  
23 700th all-time win to further establish its illustrious and  
24 enduring program history; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
26 Mike Sirianni, Head Football Coach, Washington and Jefferson  
27 College Athletics, 60 South Lincoln Street, Washington,  
28 Pennsylvania 15301.